

ORLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 6 May 2026 at 6.00pm in Orleton Village Hall

Present: Mike Jones, Colin Mitchell, Brian Powell, Mark Simmons, Mike Tipping, Mark Wetton

Parish Clerk: Stacy Perry

Members of the Public: 2

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from Ward Councillor Dan Hurcomb.
2. No Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensation were made.
3. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mark Simmons would be Chair. He **SIGNED** the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
4. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Colin Mitchell would be Vice Chair. He **SIGNED** the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
5. The Clerk **REPORTED** that Unity Trust had e-mailed confirming that the newly added signatories would receive their log-in details within the next few days and that the previous clerk and previous parish councillors had been removed as account signatories.
6. The Clerk **REPORTED** that Clear Councils had sent the insurance policy renewal quote for 2026-27, as the current policy ends on 31 May 2026. With no changes to the policy, the quote is £967.95. The Clerk pointed out that this is more than the £900 budgeted for the insurance coverage. After brief discussion, councillors voted to **APPROVE** the insurance policy renewal as submitted by Clear Council but instructed the Clerk to research other options and possibly renegotiate the coverage for 2027-28.
7. The following items were put forth for inclusion on the next ordinary parish council meeting on 21 May:
 - Proposed changes to the Herefordshire Council ward boundaries
 - Orleton Footpaths Maintenance Volunteers
 - Update on the Lengthsman, Public Rights of Way, and Drainage Grant Applications to Herefordshire Council
8. Councillors were reminded of the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 May 2026 at 7pm and the Annual Meeting to be followed by the May Ordinary Meeting on 21 May at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm.